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Rusty-fronted Antechinus.

Having received two specimens of this animal direct from Sydney, I have little hesitation in stating New South Wales to be the true habitat of this new species; at the same time I am unable to say of what particular locality it is a native. Its yellowish rust-coloured face, more lengthened muzzle and larger size, at once distinguish it from *Antechinus flavipes* and *A. unicolor*, to both of which it is allied. It also differs from both in the more slender form and in the white colouring of its feet; points in which it offers some affinity to the smaller members of the genus, such as *Antechinus fuliginosus*, *A. albipes*, &c. In all probability this modification in the structure of the feet is accompanied by some diversity in the habits or economy of these slender-footed animals, but this is a point which can only be determined when we are able to obtain a more intimate knowledge of these singular little quadrupeds than we at present possess.

Fur moderately long and soft; face, head and occiput rusty fawn colour, interspersed with fine blackish hairs; general colour of the upper surface and sides of the body pale greyish brown, interspersed down the back with numerous fine blackish hairs; sides of the face washed with buff; throat and under surface of the body pale greyish white; all the four feet white; tail light brown.

Total length from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches; of the tail $3\frac{1}{4}$; of the nose to the ear $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch; of the ear $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch; of the tarsi and toes $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch.

The figures represent the animal of the size of life.